

Action by Missouri Clean Water Commission

Date of Action: September 7, 2005

Water Body:

Name: N. Blackbird Creek
Classification: C
Identification #: 0654
Length of Segment: 17.0 miles
County (ies): Putnam

Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) Finding(s):

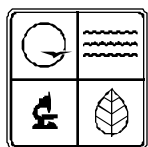
Whole body contact (WBC) recreational UAAs were submitted to the department by MEC Water Resources on June 29, 2005 and by Tetra Tech on July 11, 2005. The UAAs were submitted to evaluate criterion #2: Natural, Ephemeral, Intermittent or Low-flow conditions.

Review Committee Recommendation (RCR):

Committee Recommendation: ☐ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☒ Remove Use ☐ Inconclusive
Information provided in the UAA led the UAA Review Committee to recommend "Remove Use" due to reported lack of depth to support WBC recreational use designation.

Summary of Comment(s):

(1) Comments received indicated swimming at Hwy 129 bridge, Hwy Y bridge and other bridges as well as swimming & fishing below Wildflower Community Association facility, Hwy 5 culvert, and below where Unionville WWTF tributary comes in. (2) A commenter witnessed the public swimming below Hwy 5 off a gravel road on many occasions. (3) UAA 0124: The map of UAA sites does not have streams clearly labeled and scale is not readable. Weather information for previous seven days is not included in the report. Therefore, submission is incomplete and must be withdrawn. Evidence of trash dumping and excessive algae were noted in report, but it does not consider whether these issues may impede public's willingness to participate in WBC recreation. Creek was dry downstream of private lake. The dam is hydrologic modification of stream. Neither the UAA nor the review committee considered if the dam was operated in a manner to allow attainment of WBC recreation. No water quality data was collected. No interviews were conducted to determine possible WBC recreation at other times of year. The recommendation of the review committee should be reversed. A longer term study is needed. (4) UAA 0512: The data for the UAA was collected before noon on a Wednesday, when WBC recreation would not likely be observed. The impact of cattle access on hydrology was not considered. The creek was dry with pools in some locations and no attempt was made to investigate the creek when flows fill the channel. Water quality data was not collected nor were interviews conducted to determine possible WBC recreation at other times of year. The recommendation of review committee should be reversed. A longer term study is needed.



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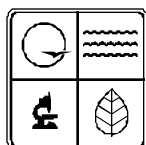
Commission Action on Comment(s):

Commission Action: ☒ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☐ Remove Use ☐ Inconclusive

Because of the comments received, the Commission voted to retain the use designation of WBC recreation for North Blackbird Creek in Putnam County from Section 2, Township 64 North, Range 17 West (02,64N,17W) upstream to Highway 129. The commission directed further investigation to determine specific locations and extent of recreational activities.

Final Order of Rulemaking:

The use designation of whole body contact recreation will be retained on North Blackbird Creek in Putnam County from 02,64N,17W upstream to Highway 129 (17.0 miles).



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